

## PURCELL OF SHARESHILL, STAFFS

ARMS: [? Ermine three roundels gules]

CREST:

Ralph Purcell of Shreshill, Staffs  
(held 0.66KF of Robert Stafford "Baron Stafford" c1117-a1185) \*1166

Ralph Purcell of Shreshill, Staffs c1167-a1213  
m Sybil .....; (had dower) 3 Mar 1213 [below]  
chn: [?] Robert Purcell b c1192; (? aged 21) 1213

Ralph Purcell had directly held 60s. rent in Hallingbury, Kent; 2 hides in Barton, 5 hides in Newton and 3 hides in Shreshill, Staffs (but not the advowsons of Newton and Shreshill) in which his widow Sybil was granted dower by Robert Purcell. (3 Mar 1213) [FINE SHC 1882 177]

Otto Purcell  
(held 1KF in {Coven} and 1KF in Shreshill) \*1235/9

Otto Purcell  
(lord of {Coven} and Shreshill)  
(held 1KF in {Coven} of barony of Stafford and 1KF in Shreshill of barony of Stafford) \*1285  
(held a small fee of mortmain in Shreshill) \*9 May 1303  
(lord of Shreshill) \*1316

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..... Purcell c1274-  
chn: Amice Purcell [heir] m Sir Henry Bushbury of Bushbury, Staffs Knight c1294-p1347 QV

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## PURCELL OF LITTLE BLOXWICH IN WALSALL, STAFFS

ARMS:\*Barry wavy of six argent and gules on a bend sable three boars heads coupes argent

CREST: In a ducal coronet or a boar's head argent gutt,e de sang

VIS.SALOP.1623 411-4 has a longer account of this family.

[VIS.MONTGOM.c1580-c1614 53] gives the following descent Beli (lord of Guilsfield) ... Griffith ... Gwyn ... Pasgen ... Trahairn ... (Ririd) ... Howell ... Ririd ... Griffith ... Llewellyn ... Evan ... Thomas (father of Richard)

Richard (Purcell)  
m Margaret Purcell dau and heir of Thomas Purcell of Onslow, Salop  
chn: Thomas Purcell below

Thomas Purcell of Onslow, Salop  
chn: Richard Purcell below

Richard Purcell of Onslow, Salop  
chn: Thomas Purcell below  
Richard Purcell [see [VIS.MONTGOM.c1580-c1614 53]

Thomas Purcell of Onslow, Salop  
chn: Thomas Purcell below

Thomas Purcell of Onslow, Salop  
chn: John Purcell (of Martyn)  
Richard Purcell below

Richard Purcell of Onslow, Salop c1516-  
m Elizabeth Hager dau of John Hager of Bromlow (son of Thomas Hager)  
chn: Edward Purcell [1] b c1546; (of Onslow, Salop); (as eldest son of Richard P. of Onslow, adm. Middle Temple) 28 Jul 1564 [MT]  
Humphrey Purcell [2] b c1548 below  
Thomas Purcell [3] (had no chn); d a1663; (Attorney, King's Bench)  
Ann Purcell [1] (had no chn)  
Alice Pucell [2] m Hugh Middleton of Middleton  
Elizabeth Purcell [3] m Leonard Lister of Little Ambaston  
Eleanor Purcell [4] m Robert Reyfe of Glos  
Mary Purcell [5] (had no chn)  
.[dau]. Purcell [6]  
Joan Purcell [7] m Reginald Lloyd of Molverley  
Dorothy Purcell [8]

Humphrey Purcell of Oakfield, Berks c1548-  
m Ann David dau of Richard David; m1 Thomas Rolt of Henley-upon-Thames, Oxon gentleman  
chn: John Purcell [1]  
Francis Purcell [2] d ? in infancy  
Edward Purcell [3] d young  
Francis Purcell [4] below

**Francis Purcell of Little Bloxwich in Walsall, Staffs c1572-**  
m Mary Giffard dau of Richard Giffard of Saredon, Staffs c1553-.... QV  
chn: Richard Purcell [1] b c1593; (aged 70) 1663 below  
Walter Purcell [2]  
Thomas Purcell [3]  
John Purcell [4]  
[???] Francis Purcell b c1597 below  
Ann Purcell [1]  
Jane Purcell [2]  
Elizabeth Purcell [3]  
Mary Purcell [4] m William Constable  
Dorothy Purcell [5]  
Ursula Purcell [6]  
Winifred Purcell [7]  
Catherine Purcell [8] m Henry Whitbred of Storfield, Essex

Richard Purcell of Little Bloxwich in Walsall, Staffs gntleman c1593-  
m Elizabeth Chetwynd dau of Thomas Chetwynd of Rugeley, Staffs c1561-1633 QV; c 28 Jul 1616  
Rugeley; 1652 bw  
(aged 70, certified Visitation) 30 Mar 1663; [? (as of Rugeley, disclaimed) \*1664]; (of "Eelfields", Bloxwich)  
chn: Richard Purcell [1] b c1649; (aged 14) 1663; (adm. Clement's Inn, pledged by William Whitwell) 1684  
Dorothy Purcell [3] b c1650; (aged 13) 1663  
Walter Chetwynd Purcell unm; d 25 Aug 1720 Oscott, Staffs; (at Douai) 1673; (ordained a seminary priest); (of Yieldfields near Bloxwich)  
[? SAME AS]  
Chetwynd Purcell [son] [2] b c1658; (aged 5) 1663; (a priest in Worcs) c1702  
[Birmingham Dioc. Archives quoted by ESTCOURT 243]

Francis Purcell of Walsall, Staffs gentleman c1597-  
m Joan .....

(as gentleman, 11 hearths, Walsall Foreign) 1666 HT  
chn: Walter Purcell b c1627; (at St Omers); (adm. English College, Rome) 27 May  
1645;

(ordained priest) 25 Mar 1651; (sent to England) 7 Apr 1652; (warrant for his  
arrest) 22 Jan 1690 [SEMINARY PRIESTS]

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\*1614/64; \*1664/1700; VIS.MONTGOM.c1580-c1614 53-4; VIS.SALOP.1623 411-4

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**PURCELL OF MADELEY, SALOP**

ARMS:

CREST:

..... **Purcell c1610-....**

chn: John Purcell b c1640 below

[?] Dorothy Purcell

[?] Elizabeth Purcell

..... Purcell m Richard Giffard

**John Purcell of Madeley, Salop gentleman c1640-1713**

b c1640

m Catherine ?Talbot

i *as gent.* 28 Aug 1713 Madeley; Will (PCC) **25 Feb 1711.2 to 31 Jan 1712.3/7 Sep 1713**  
[below]

chn: Thomas Purcell [1] b c1670 below

Philip Purcell [?2] b c1672 below

John Purcell [?3] b c1674 below

Edward Purcell [?4] b c1683 below

Mary Purcell (annuity out of Madeley worth £20 pa); unnm.

Catherine Purcell m Thomas Penson of Gray's Inn, Middx c1690-.... QV

Winifred Purcell (spinster of Stafford); unnm.

Ann Purcell (spinster of Stafford); unnm.

*(25 Feb 1711.2 to 31 Jan 1712.3) John Purcell of Madeley, Salop ... wife Catherine ... son Thomas ... son Philip ... son Edward ... daughters Mary, Catherine, Winifred & Anne ... as to my son John to whom I have already given what I am able I desire he may have fifty pounds if my estate will bear it ... a legacy to dau Mary from her uncle Richard Giffard ... dau Catherine has a legacy from her aunts Dorothy and Elizabeth ...*

The near relative, Sir John Talbott, to whom John Purcell dedicates his first book is puzzling. In 'Genealogy of Shropshire' by Joseph Morris there is a record for a marriage between John Purcell of The Hay and Catherine Talbot; where Catherine's father is John Talbot. If these two John Talbots are one and the same then he is John Purcell's maternal grandfather. However other sources indicate a Thomas Talbot as Catherine's father. For instance at the Shropshire archives there is a 'drawing of a monumental inscription (with coat of arms) of John Purcell (d. 1713), who married Catharine Talbot, daughter of Thomas Talbot and Catharine Talbot. And a monumental inscription of Thomas Purcell (d. 1719). All at Madeley' .

CATHERINE PURCELL, widow Annuity out of "Yieldfields" by indenture, dated 4th October, 1675, between John Purcell, of Madeley, co. Salop, of one part, and George Talbot, of Worfield, of other part [INTERNET, but not sourced]



**Thomas Purcell of The Hay in Madeley, Salop gentleman c1670-1719**

b c1670 *1st son of John Purcell of Madeley, Salop gentleman c1640-1713 and Catherine (?Talbot)*

m Catherine Brooke

i *of the Hay gent.* 24 Nov 1719 Madeley; Will (PCC) 2 Dec 1721 & 2 Jun 1724 [below]  
(as of The Hay in Madeley, Salop gentleman, an English Catholic Nonjuror, had an Estate to him and his heirs, in Staffs, worth £105/15 pa) \*1715 [ESTCOURT 222]  
(and a leasehold estate at North Aston, Oxon worth £42 pa)

(2 Jun 1724) "*Philippum et Johannem Purcell in medicinis doctorem fratres naturales ... Catherine Purcell viduam ... Mariam Purcell solutam ... Catherinam Penson (uxorem Thomae Penson) ... Winifridem Purcell*

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**Philip Purcell of Stafford surgeon c1672-a1751**

b c1672 *?2nd son of John Purcell of Madeley, Salop gentleman c1640-1713 and Catherine (?Talbot)*

unm.

Adm (Lichfield) 17 Sep 1751 [below]

(admitted to Lisbon College) ?1696  
(ordained a roman catholic priest)  
(Manorial Agent, Arundel) 1715-21  
(Chaplain, Arundel Castle) 1717  
(Manorial Agent, Lewes, Shoreham and Kings Barnes) 1730s  
(Surgeon, Stafford Gaol) 1740

(?1696) *PURCELL, Philip, son of John Purcell, of The Hay, Madeley, co. Salop, Esq., and of his wife Catherine; admitted (1696?); ord. priest; was chaplain at Arundel Castle, in 1717. [William Croft: Historical account of Lisbon college]*

(1715-c1735) *Sussex manors and estate: File 1: manorial accounts memoranda of Philip Purcell, manorial agent for Arundel cum membris, 1715-1721, and for Lewes, Shoreham and Kings Barnes, 1730s [ARUNDEL CASTLE ARCHIVES SHE BOX 19]*

(1740) ... 1740, when Phillip Purioll[sic], Surgeon, was allowed £12/0/8 for sixteen weeks' attendance in the cure of three abscesses on the leg of a prisoner under sentence of transportation, the same man also requiring treatment to a gangrenous buttock. [Standley, 1995 23 quoting SRO MFQ4 Easter 1740]

(17 Sep 1751) *Philip Purcell of Stafford St Mary a bachelor intestate ... his brother Edward Purcell (next of kin) of Madeley (Staffs[sic]) renounced in favour of a creditor Joseph Wood of Sutton Coldfield (Warwicks) labourer under £20*

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**John Purcell of Madeley, Salop M.D. c1674-1730**

b c1674 ?3rd son of John Purcell of Madeley, Salop gentleman c1640-1713 and Catherine  
(?Talbot)

m Esther Banner

d 19 Dec 1730; Will (PCC) 20 Nov 1732 [NOT on ancestry]

chn: James, John, Edward, Thomas, Maria Teresa

(14 Sep 1728) Copy of agreement between Edward Purcell of Co. Stafford, executor of the will of John Purcell deceased and Dr. John Purcell of Madeley, Salop, with regard to annuities to his mother and sisters. [Birmingham Archdiocesan Archives C0388]

Publications:

John Purcell, M.D.: *A treatise of vapours, or, hysteric fits* ...: Second Edition: 1707 [Dedication "To the Honourable Sir John Talbott [? **Sir John Talbot of Salwarpe, Worcs Knight 1630-1714**] ... and if I have any thing to value my self upon, 'tis the honour of being your near relation ...]

John Purcell, M.D.: *A treatise of the cholick* ...: 1714 [Dedication: To his Grace Charles Duke of Shrewsbury [**Charles Talbot 1st Duke of Shrewsbury 1660-1718**] ... for when by an absence of thirty years [spent in the Universities, and in the practice of Physick in London] I was look'd upon almost as a stranger in this my native country and in that town ... tho' I was born a free burges of it; it was no sooner known that I had the Honour to be related to, and favoured by your Grace ...

The Will of Doctor John Purcell We have already extracted one passage from John's will, regarding his sister in law Catherine, the widow of his brother Thomas . Here we detail some of the legacies that John left. JOHN PURCELL, of the Hay, in the parish of Madeley, co. Salop, Doctor in Physic and of the College of Physicians in London , wr ites his will dated 3 rd April, 1729 . He divides his estate eq ually among his four sons James, John, Edward, and Thomas and his daughter Mary The Will of John Purcell 53 Teresa. Esther , his wife, having died nine years earlier i s , of course, not mentioned. He bequeaths one hundred pounds a year to his mother Catherine and his brother Edward. He be queaths fifty pounds a year to ' my brother Richard Banner's now wife [Mary Davies] ' . [i.e. Richard being John's late wife Esther's brother] He also writes that should all of his children die without issue then he bequeaths: ... all the Remainder and Remainders of all my estate both Real and Personal to my brother in law Richard Banner Esq who I leave and constitute Guardian of all my five Children .... Lastly I leave unto my Mother in Law Lady Blunt and my Brother in Law Richard Banner Esquire Executors of this my last will Testament . Of course Lady Blunt was Susannah ( Cradock ) Banner, the mother of John Purcell's wife Esther . John Purcell claims in his will that his estate is not liable to certain taxes that it would otherwise have been because he had "taken the

oath " . As a result, he is free to take: .... all my Estates freehold and Leasehold by Right and by inheritance as firmly and as legally as any Subject of all England ever did nor can there be any objection to me on the penal statutes I having insured any such penalty nor ever refused taking the oaths or been summoned so to do the ----- which may be pretended by any of the annuitants on my Estates ought not to affect my children ... John believed that since he had taken t he oath his beneficiaries were entitled to receive their annuities without additional fines that Catholics might otherwise have been liable to. And , as often happened, in order to ensure that the beneficiaries of his will did not question or challenge one another or a r gue among themselves , he suggests that those fines could be re - imposed on any one among them who would argue or question: My will and desire is that the penal statutes [against Catholics] be never taken against my mother [Catherine], or any o f my brothers and sisters (except my brother - in - law Thomas Penson) to deprive them of the annuities left them by my father's will, but if they sue for more than such annuities, or for a receiver on my estates, or for any distribution of my estates, my expr ess will is that those penal statutes be then taken The Will of John Purcell 54 against them which hinder Roman Catholics from taking interest in lands, and th at rather because several of them have unfairly obstructed the probate of m y brother Thomas Purcell's will . John's complain t against his brother in law Thomas Penson sug gested above by the fact that he was willing to have Thomas Penson bear fines leads him to write further that should Thomas challenge or argue then he should : ... pay double taxes to the utmost extent for his an nuity and that he never be suffered to have any management or to intermeddle in the ----- of my estate . T here is nothing in Thomas Penson's will, nor in any of John's siblings' wills to help clarify John's complaint (see Appendix). John's will was probated on 20 th November, 1732 . On 9 th December, 1751, administration of the estate was handed to John Purcell's son John because Susannah Blunt had died before she had 'taken on the execution thereof' and Richard Banner had chosen not to carry out his executorial duties. A s seen below, a total of seven members of the Purcell family including John's siblings Thomas, Philip, Winifred, Mary, and Anne appear on a list of Roman Catholics who were forced to "register their names and real estat es" and subsequently fined because they had refused to take the oath. For his fellow Catholics John's willingness to take the oath was enough to have him named an apostate (see - Records of the English Catholics of 1715 ). 15 cords of the English Catholics of 1715) Records of th

#### **Edward Purcell of Stafford gentleman c1683-**

m 31 Jan 1713 Madeley, Salop: Elizabeth Langley

(as of Stafford gentleman, an English Catholic Nonjuror, had an Annuity out of the manor of Broseley, in right of his wife Elizabeth Langley, a protestant, decreed by Court of Exchequer to be paid him for her maintenance until she attain the age of eighteen years, in Salop, worth £150 pa) \*1715 [ESTCOURT 222]

chn: Edward Langley, Thomas, James

PURCELL, James, brother of Edward, q.v.; admitted on Revell's Fund, June 9, 1730. [William Croft: *Historical account of Lisbon college*]

PURCELL, Edward, son of Edward Purcell, of Stafford, gent., by his wife Eliz. Langley; admitted on Revell's Fund, Nov. 5, 1730. [William Croft: *Historical account of Lisbon college*]